

## THE BARNABAS WEEKEND: August 21 – 23

We are about to enter Phase 2 of our **new era of ministry!** A quick reminder: The Antioch Project is based on **Acts 11: 19-30**. In that scripture, the church in Jerusalem hears of a new church in Antioch and sends Barnabas to investigate. Barnabas goes to celebrate with the church, spends time with them and provides coaching – via Saul – to jumpstart ministry.

Our very own Barnabas Team will arrive the Friday morning of the weekend, ready to get to know us all and make recommendations for the future.

Here's what you can expect:

Friday (9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Team meets with staff and key unpaid leaders throughout the day.

Friday (7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.) The Team meets with a focus group representative of the laity.

Saturday (9 a.m. – noon) Church-wide training session lead by the Team. **ALL MEMBERS AND STAFF ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

Saturday p.m. The Barnabas Team writes its report.

Sunday morning **Worship!** Dan Pezet, director of congregational vitality and Barnabas Team member, will preach. The Team report (including the prescriptions) will be distributed/presented to the entire congregation. Additionally, Town Hall meeting dates to discuss the prescriptions and the church conference vote date will be announced.

## August 22 (9 a.m. – noon)

All members and staff of GUMC will gather in the CLC for a vital piece of the Barnabas weekend.

At the risk of sounding corny: It's impossible to spell "success" without "u" and YOU are a critical part of the ministry of GUMC and will play a key role in answering the call God has put before our church.

This is a **BIG** deal, so please respond in a **BIG** way.

Look for the **BIG** signup sheet in the CLC and sign your name, committing to attend on Saturday August 22. Grab a marker and write your name in **BIG** letters! We serve a **BIG** God. This is a **BIG** opportunity. Let's all participate in a **BIG** way!

Team leaders will cover training topics such as:

- ◆ Our "God" story
- ◆ The life cycle of a congregation
- ◆ Important insights on how our church is positioned to advance the kingdom of God
- ◆ Hopes for the future